at annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 59]. The prices are based on the notified price of bulk drug Betamethasone and its salts.

(d) and (e) To the extent information is readily available, the prices of all concerned formulations produced by the major company i.e. M/s. Glindia have already been fixed. All efforts are being made to fix prices of other related formulations under DPCO, 1987.

Bulk drug prices under DPCO 1987

1399. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3278 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the maximum price and weighted average price of the bulk drugs, prices of which have been fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(b) what were the prices of each under DPCO, 1979;

(c) what is the price fixed for Aspirin, streptomycin, Chloramphenicol, Rifampicin, Betamethasone and its salts under DPCO, 1987; and

(d) what was the earlier price of each and what are the basis on which each price has been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The information to the extent available is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 60]. The price of Betamethasone and its salts has not been fixed under the DPCO, 1987.

Relaxation to drug companies

1400. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has dropped the recovery proceedings under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 against any other drug company apart from from IDPL and HAL;

(b) if so, what are the names of these drug companies;

(c) whether it is a fact that the decision to drop proceedings under Para 7(2) against IDPL and HAL would amount to discrimination;

(d) whether his Ministry obtained any advice from the Law Ministry before dropping the proceedings of recovery against these companies; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The decision was taken after considering all factors.

1401. [*Deleted*]

1402. [*Deleted*]

Notification for relaxation of DPCO provisions

1403. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before any relaxation of provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order, it is necessary to issue a notified order;

(b) if so, whether any notified order was issued in respect to the relaxation of provisions regarding dropping of proceedings under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 against IDPL and HAL;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the action of his Ministry is in contravention of the statute;

(e) if so, whether any steps have been taken to reconsider the whole matter;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry does not enjoy any absolute powers which have not been conferred by Parliament; and

(h) if so, on what grounds the proceedings were dropped?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) No Notification is necessary in such cases.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (h) Approval of appropriate authority had been obtained for dropping the proceedings.

Price fixation of Streptomycin

1404. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prices of Streptomycin which have been fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(b) on what basis the prices of Streptomycin have been fixed for Synbiotics;

(c) what is the basis of fixing the weighted average price and what is the quantity of production that has been taken into consideration for each producer;

(d) in what way this price fixation would help the consumer or the public sector undertakings; and

(e) whether this system would give unintended benefit to Synbiotics?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The price of Streptomycin Sulphate fixed under DPCO, 1987 is as follows:

M/s. Synbiotics	Rs. 1049.00 kg.
M/s. IDPL	Rs. 1147.00/kg.
M/s. HAL	Rs. 1147.00/kg.
M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works Co. Ltd	Rs. 1147.00/kg.

The price for fixing the formulations is Rs. 1049.00 per kg.

(b) The price for M/s. Synbiotics has been fixed equal to the weighted average price for formulation.

(c) The weighted price was fixed based on the ratio of 35:65 with reference to the prices of M/s. Synbiotics and M/s. HAL & M/s. IDPL, respectively.

(d) The price increase in the formulations will be 2.12 per cent only.

(e) No, Sir.

1405. [*Deleted*]

Drug prices charged by M/s. Pfizer Limited

1406. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3286 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of products on which M/s. Pfizer Limited undercharged the prices from the consumer;